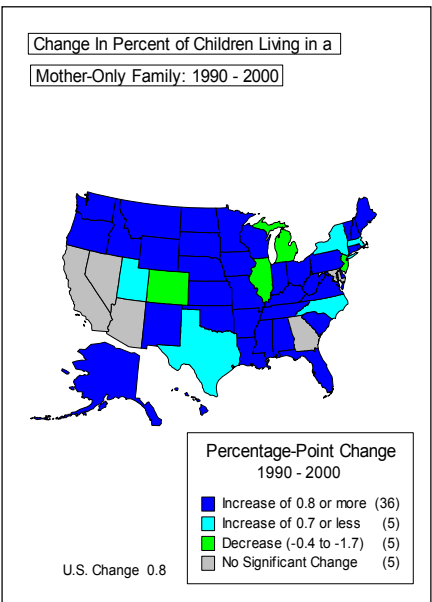
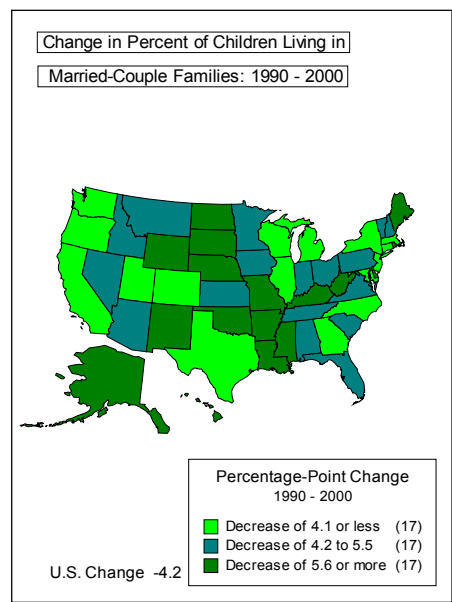
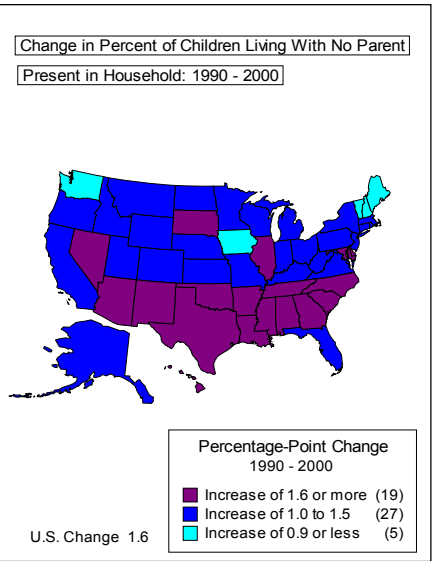
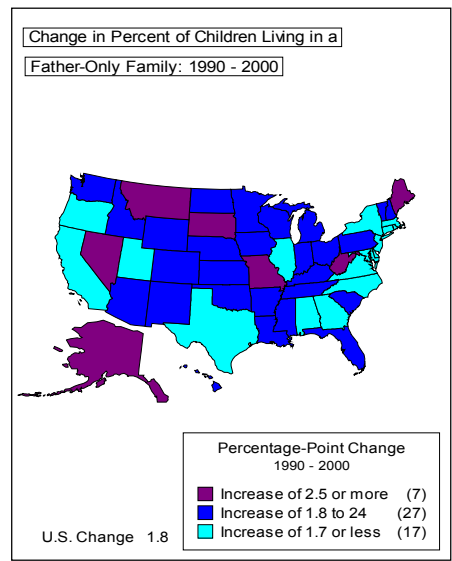


Characteristics of Children's Families 1: Household Family Structure: 1990 - 2000



- Nationally, the percentage of children in married-couple families declined by 4.2 percentage points, to 68.1 percent.
- About one out of every five children lived with a mother but no father in the household, in both 1990 and 2000 (0.8 percentage point increase). The proportion of children living with only their father increased from 4.0 percent in 1990 to 5.8 percent in 2000. There was also an increase in children who lived with no parent (1.6 percentage-points).
- A decrease in the percentage of children living in married-couple families occurred across all 50 states, with Hawaii experiencing a decrease of 7.3 percentage points.
- While the percentage of children living in a mother-only family increased by 0.8 percentage points nationally, a few states such as Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, and New Jersey experienced declines.
- All states experienced increases in the percentage of children living in father-only families, including an increase of 2.8 percentage points in Nevada.



- All states experienced increases in the percentage of children living with no parent present, with some of the larger increases occurring in Southern states.

